Technology Development Projects Undertaken by NRC

2964. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the technology development projects undertaken/supported by the National Radar Council (NRC) since its inception;

(b) the number of institutions in the country supported by the NSC and names of such institutions of Orissa as are assisted or proposed to be assisted; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide advanced level training in different areas and the details of targets achieved or proposed to be achieved in this sphere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS DEPARMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The details of the technology development projects supported by the National Radar Council (NRC) till March, 1993 are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 52]

A total of 44 institutions have been supported by the NRC in the country. The name of the institution in the State of Orissa is "University College of Engineering, Burla" where two projects have been supported by the NRC.

(c) Advanced level training programme coupled with advanced applied research have been initiated in the areas of Microwave Technology, underwater electronics, navigational electronics, high power microwave tubes, millimeter wave technology and avionics. Several of these programmes have now been taken over by agencies such as the University Grants Commission, Defence Research & Development Organisation or the respective State Governments for continuing support. These programmes have resulted in the availability of highly trained manpower at the post graduate level. Most of these trained manpower have been absorbed by various defence laboratories and civilian research institutions.

Recommendations of Murthy Committee on Leather Industry

@2965. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Murthy Committee on Leather Industry has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) by when its recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is attached. (See below).

(c) Owing to multiplicity of recommendation it would not be possible to fix a definite time-frame. However, the primary recommendations have already been taken up with the concerned authorities for necessary action.

Statement

The main recommendations of the Committee include the following:—

1. Dereservation and Delicensing

@Previously Unstarred Question 2399, transferred from 1st March,